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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: City of Seattle - South Lander Street Grade Separation FASTLANE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, I am writing in support of the City of Seattle, South Lander Street Grade Separation. In our review of the FASTLANE criteria, it has national, state, regional, and local benefits.

On October 18, 2015, you came to the City of Seattle and unveiled the Draft National Freight Plan. After the press conference, I was part of Senator Cantwell's group who toured South Lander Street with you.

Although I did not have the opportunity to speak to you about the project, it has been identified by our Board for over a decade as a critically needed at-grade separation in the heart of Seattle's industrial area.

Web Site

www.fmsib.wa.gov

Completion of this project will avoid an average of 110 rail crossings, remove an average of 4.5 hours of daily closures, and dramatically reduce traffic safety concerns.

The South Lander Street project will help ensure economic vitality for the nation, state, and region. It helps provide freight movement certainty for the Port of Seattle, one of our nation's largest ports. At the state, regional, and local level, it ensures dependable and direct connections to freight operational centers in an area that has approximately 75,000 existing jobs and is anticipated to support another 25,000 jobs in the next few decades.

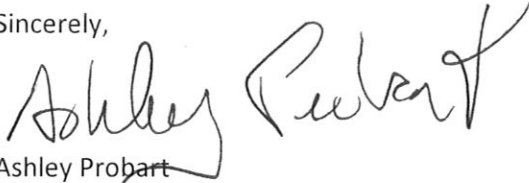
The Honorable Secretary Foxx

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In closing, the South Lander Street grade separation project is tailor made for the FASTLANE grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Prohart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "A" and "P".

Ashley Prohart
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Jim McDermott, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington